

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SJR 48

March 6, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Resolves that Tennessee's delegation to the Tennessee Planning Convention (TPC) be composed of five specified commissioners; that the General Assembly provide the delegation necessary support staff and pay all costs of attending the convention and reasonable associated costs; that the commissioners take a specified oath of office prior to accepting appointment; that the delegation select its presiding officer and organize in the matter it desires; that the commissioners comply with certain specified principles.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$24,700/One-Time

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003894): Adds two additional General Assembly members to Tennessee's delegation to the Tennessee Planning Convention.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$26,300/One-Time

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Tennessee delegation for the TPC will be composed of seven commissioners consisting of three senators and two representatives, namely Senator Mike Bell, Senator Brian Kelsey, Senator Bill Ketron, Representative Sheila Butt, Representative Dennis Powers, Representative G.A. Hardaway, and Representative Jay Reedy.
- The TPC will be held in Nashville, Tennessee after May 1, 2017, but before January 1, 2018.
- The resolution requires "all of the costs of attending the convention and reasonable associated costs" be paid by the General Assembly. It is unknown what will be determined or included in reasonable associated costs.
- Based on information provided by the Office of Legislative Administration, each commissioner of the delegation will receive a daily \$220 per diem and travel

reimbursement of \$0.47 per mile travelled for an estimated average of 262 miles roundtrip.

- Pursuant to the resolving clauses of Senate Joint Resolution 9 (2017) and House Joint Resolution 24 (2017), it is assumed the TPC will be called to order by the Lieutenant Governor. Including the Lieutenant Governor, it is assumed there would be a minimum of eight General Assembly members attending the TPC.
- It is unknown the number of days the TPC would meet; however, for the purpose of this fiscal note, it is assumed the TPC would meet for a minimum of three days.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures relative to the eight attending members is estimated to be \$6,265 [(\$220 per diem x 3-day minimum x 8 members) + (\$0.47 x 262 miles x 8 members)].
- Pursuant to the second resolving clause of this resolution, it is unknown the extent of support staff that will be required to assist the delegation of the TPC; for example, legislative staff may serve in some capacity, but additional temporary staffing may also be required to ensure sufficient coverage for other legislative responsibilities.
- In addition, it is unknown the extent of administrative costs that will be required and incurred to host the convention in Nashville; for example, the convention could be held at the State Capitol or another state-owned venue, but another larger non-state venue could be chosen as well.
- Further, the extent of attendance and participation by other Tennessee legislative members is unknown and whether they would claim per diem and expense reimbursement.
- Given the extent of unknowns, and further given the lack of historical data due to the infrequency of constitutional conventions, it is reasonable to assume the state will incur additional one-time expenditures as a result of hosting the TPC in Nashville. While the extent of these additional expenditures is unknown, the one-time increase in state expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$20,000.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$26,265 (\$6,265 + \$20,000).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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